

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Bill Auby Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Office 301 Dinosaur Trail Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: Barbara J No. 1, Barbara J No. 2, Barbara J. No. 3, Beacon Hill, Beacon Hill Gossett, Blue Peak, Bobcat, Cedar, Davenport, Flat Top, Lone Pine, Malpais, Mesa Top, Piedre Trieste, Spencer, and T-20 Uranium Mines

Dear Mr. Auby:

Enclosed are sixteen (16) Superfund Site Strategy Recommendations (SSSRs) drafted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 for uranium mines on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in New Mexico. The SSSRs summarize information and data compiled for each of the mine sites.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the EPA Region 6 and the BLM New Mexico State Office regarding certain uranium mine properties, specifically Attachment A, EPA is deferring investigation and remediation of releases/threats of releases of hazardous substances to the BLM through the exercise of its CERCLA or other authorities. The EPA requests progress updates on any actions taken at these mine sites.

We look forward to continuing to work with the BLM on the very important issue of legacy uranium mining.

Sincerely,

Lisa Marie Price

**Grants Mining District Coordinator** 

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Enclosure

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